

Statement by Zwelinzima Vavi

29 July 2013

Today, I attended the COSATU grievance hearing chaired by an outside and independent person. After about two hours, the grievant withdrew the grievance. I am pleased that the grievance has been finalized. I hope that we all can put this saga behind us so that we all can concentrate on the real issues of the day – ensuring that we have a vibrant trade union federation that promotes South Africa, the interests of workers and the working class as a whole.

As you know, on the advice of my lawyers, I laid a charge of extortion with the South African police Services (SAPS). I trust and hope that the SAPS will deal with this matter expeditiously.

In the light of the extreme damage that has been done to my reputation, I will consult with my lawyers to consider any further actions about this matter.

I will have to deal with this issue with my wife and family and I hope that you will all afford me the opportunity to deal with this matter privately and in the most constructive manner possible.

I wish to thank all those who have expressed their support.